

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-8, 11, 13 and 14 without prejudice. Below is a recitation of the claims and their current status.

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) ~~The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said liner member has two of said reduced areas.~~

A soil sampler liner comprising:

a liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having two reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) ~~The soil sampler liner of claim 1, wherein said liner member has four of said reduced areas.~~

A soil sampler liner comprising:

a liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having four reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A soil sampler liner comprising:

a tubular liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having one or more reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness,

~~The soil sampler liner of claim 11,~~ said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas defining a generally figure-eight shape when said member is radially compressed.

Claims 13-14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A soil sampler liner comprising:

a tubular liner member, said liner member defined by a continuous wall and having one or more reduced areas extending along at least a portion of the length of said member, said wall at said one or more reduced areas having a first thickness, said wall adjacent said one or more reduced areas having a second thickness, said second thickness being greater than said first thickness,

~~The soil sampler liner of claim 11,~~ wherein the outer diameter of said liner member is constant at all points along the periphery of said liner member.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Cancelled).